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**VALLEJO RESTAURANT HAS LIQUOR LICENSE SUSPENDED**

**Vallejo** – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today suspended the liquor license of La Movida Restaurant, 1801 Solano Avenue in Vallejo, for 30 days.

The business was found to be in violation of a condition placed on the license when it was issued which required the establishment to operate as a bona fide restaurant. An ABC investigation revealed the restaurant was operating more as a nightclub, with minimal food sales. A type 41 liquor license requires at least 50 percent of sales be for food prepared on site.

Both the Vallejo Police Department and Vallejo's Alcohol Policy Coalition have identified the establishment as one of the biggest problem outlets in the city because of its emphasis on nightclub activities. The Police Department frequently responded to calls for service at the location for alcohol related problems such as fights, public drunkenness, and vandalism.

The Vice-Chair of the Vallejo Alcohol Policy Coalition, Liat Meitzenheimer, lives in the neighborhood of La Movida, and knows first hand the kind of problems generated by the business. Said Meitzenheimer, "We are pleased the Vallejo Police Department and the ABC have been working together so effectively in dealing with this and other locations in our community. We hope liquor outlets in our city will learn it is not acceptable to violate the law."

The formal penalty was suspension of the liquor license for 40 days. However, 10 days were stayed for one year. If during that time a similar violation occurs, the 10 stayed days will be added to any future penalty.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.